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Unidentified Military Stores at Tyniste nad Orlici.

1. A large military depot is located in the forest at Halaburka, about 1.5 kilometer northeast from Tyniste nad Orlici (051/G90). This area was first used for ~~stores~~ by the German army during World War II. The Czechoslovak Army started bringing in the stores two years ago. There is heavy military traffic in the area. The depot is commanded by Vaclav Hloupy (rank unknown), 48 years old, living in Tyniste nad Orlici.

Testing of New Gas at the Velvety Ammunition Factory.

2. Between 12 and 17 October 1953 eight EM were brought from the Velvety (N51/F34) ammunition factory to the hospital in Teplice (N51/F34). The men were victims of gas poisoning while experimenting with ~~an~~ unidentified new kind of gas in the factory. They were unconscious and their bodies were blue. All of them were cured.

Army Inductions.

3. Draftees were inducted into the army on 29 and 31 October 1953. One of the draftees, was inducted into a chemical warfare unit at Velvety. 25X1

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4. The duration of compulsory military service has been prolonged from two to two and a half years for those men who serve with the Border Guard ~~(P50/059)~~. There is a general feeling of dissatisfaction among the ~~PS~~ men over this measure.

Military and Security Units in Ostrava.

5. An artillery unit equipped with self-propelled guns is located in Ostrava - Hrusov (P50/059).

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
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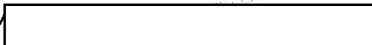
6. An unidentified military headquarters is located in the former cloister of the Salesian Order in Ostrava I.
7.  Guard (Vnitřní stráž) unit is stationed in Ostrava - Kunice (P50/058). The unit is about 3,000 men strong.¹
8. In Ostrava - Stalingrad (P50/059) are newly built modern barracks housing military labor units. These units are composed of EM serving their basic military service and of older men who were recalled from reserve status and sent to labor units for their anti-communist attitude. There are many young priests and farmers among them. The most striking case is that of a 62-year old farmer who, despite his age, was called up for labor service.

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1.  Comment. The strength of the unit is probably exaggerated, unless the unit supplies guards to all industrial installations in the Ostrava region.

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